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ELLIS NAMED SUPERINTENDENT AT MOUNTAIN VIEW *Veteran Has Extensive Background in Juvenile Justice and Security*

Nashville -- **Philip A. Ellis** has been appointed superintendent at Mountain View Youth Development Center in Dandridge, effective November 1. He replaces **Gary Morris** who is leaving the department to pursue other professional opportunities.

Morris tendered his resignation more than two weeks ago, and the state Department of Personnel confirmed Ellis' appointment this week.

Mr. Ellis has 18 years experience with the department, working exclusively with juvenile offenders in secure facilities. He managed the most secure unit at Taft Youth Development Center for nine years and organized the gang resistance program there. His background includes experience providing individual and group counseling, alcohol and drug treatment and staff training.

Most recently, Mr. Ellis served as acting assistant superintendent at Woodland Hills Youth Development Center in Nashville, where he was responsible for all aspects of security including staff evaluation and training. "We must ensure that the security staff is able to promote a safe, secure and treatment-oriented environment. I look forward to this opportunity at Mountain View," Ellis said.

"Phil brings a unique set of skills and experience to this position and we are confident in his abilities to provide positive leadership for the staff and students" said **Steve Hornsby**, Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Juvenile Justice.

Ellis, 46, is married and the father of three children. He received his BA degree from the University of South Carolina.